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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bruce Tockman et al. Examiner: George R. Evanisko
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Title: LEAD HAVING VARYING STIFFNESS AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THEREOF

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 17, 2004, of the Examiner rejecting claims 16-46 of the above-identified patent application.

A request for an extension of time to respond to the Examiner's rejection is submitted herewith along with payment of the required extension fee.

Our check in the amount of \$330.00 is enclosed to pay the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b). Please charge any required additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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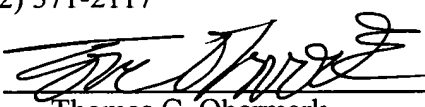
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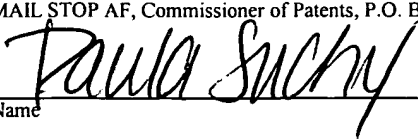
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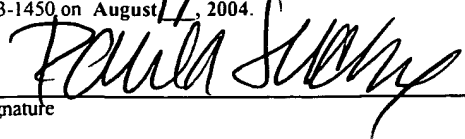
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